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FUNDS TO STATES FOR TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have evolved a new mechanism for funding the State Governments for tourism projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also considering to launch a new scheme to identify tourism circuits in the country every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : In order to provide quick and substantial impact for development of tourism infrastructure during the Tenth Plan, Department of Tourism has formulated new schemes (i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and (ii)Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development. One destination in each State is identified for development. Under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, six circuits would be taken up for development each year in the Tenth Plan. Under these schemes, Department of Tourism would bear 100% of the cost of the identified projects. However, the following shall be the responsibility of the State Govts./UT administrations.

- Making the land available for development
- Implementation of rehabilitation package, where shifting of dwelling or commercial units is required. However, the Government of India would provide assistance for construction of Tourist Reception Centres including shopping complexes to house the displaced shops.
- Maintenance and management of the assets created.
- External infrastructures like Water Supply, Electricity and Roads.